

Congresswoman Louise M. Slaughter said she intends to encourage all New York colleges and universities to participate in the new expanded GI Bill educational program, which went into effect this week. Slaughter said that a handful of the eligible schools are participating. All servicemen and women who have served in active duty since September 10, 2001 are eligible to attend an in-state, public college or university and complete their undergraduate education for free. A key provision of the Post 9-11 GI Bill is the Yellow Ribbon Program. The Yellow Ribbon Program was designed to address cases in which a veteran's tuition would exceed the highest public, in-state tuition rate, such as attending a private or out of state university or college. A school can contribute up to 50% of the difference between a veteran's tuition and the highest in-state tuition, and the government will match the contribution. The Veterans Affairs Administration estimates that the bill will help 250,000 veterans go to college by 2011.

"This 9-11 GI Bill reaffirms our pledge to assist the men and women of this country who have served in uniform. Educating our veterans will ensure they are well-equipped with the knowledge and skills essential to success in the 21st century economy and are able to easily transition into civilian life. I would like to encourage schools to look to Canisius College, Everest Institute, Niagara University, University of Rochester, and the University of Rochester - School of Music for example. Our veterans need more investment in the Yellow Ribbon Program from the remaining colleges and universities in New York's 28th district," Rep. Slaughter said.

School

Location

Division of School

Number of Students

School Contribution Amount

Canisius College

Buffalo

All

60

\$1,295.00

Everest Institute

Rochester

All

25

\$1,000.00

Niagara University

Niagara

All

Unlimited

\$1,000.00

University of Rochester

Rochester

Undergraduate

Unlimited

\$18,935.00

University of Rochester-School of Music

Rochester

Undergraduate

Unlimited

\$18, 935.00

**Links**

To learn more about the Yellow Ribbon Program visit the Veterans Administration Website [https://www.gibill.va.gov/School\\_Info/Yellow\\_Ribbon/index.htm](https://www.gibill.va.gov/School_Info/Yellow_Ribbon/index.htm)

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